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Algeria's FLN meets to name country's leader

ALGIERS, Jan. 27 (Agencies) — The ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) opened a crucial Congress Saturday to nominate a successor to the late President Houari Boumedienne.

White-haired Col. Benjedid Chadi, 49, acting chief of staff of the armed forces and regarded as a political moderate, was widely tipped as the top candidate for the presidency.

The four-day Congress is due to name the official candidate for Boumedienne's succession. The nominee is to

be formally elected president of Algeria on Feb. 7. Algeria's one-party constitution allows no one else to stand for election, making the Feb. 7 election a plebiscite of the official nominee certain to receive upward of 90 per cent of the votes.

Official sources said Chadi emerged as the majority choice in secret consultations among the Algerian leadership after Boumedienne died of an incurable blood ailment on Dec. 27.

Some 3,100 delegates are taking part in the FLN Congress to name his successor. The delegates include representatives of every national organization, senior government officials, ambassadors, members of the national assembly and nominees of FLN administrator Muhammad Salah Yabini.

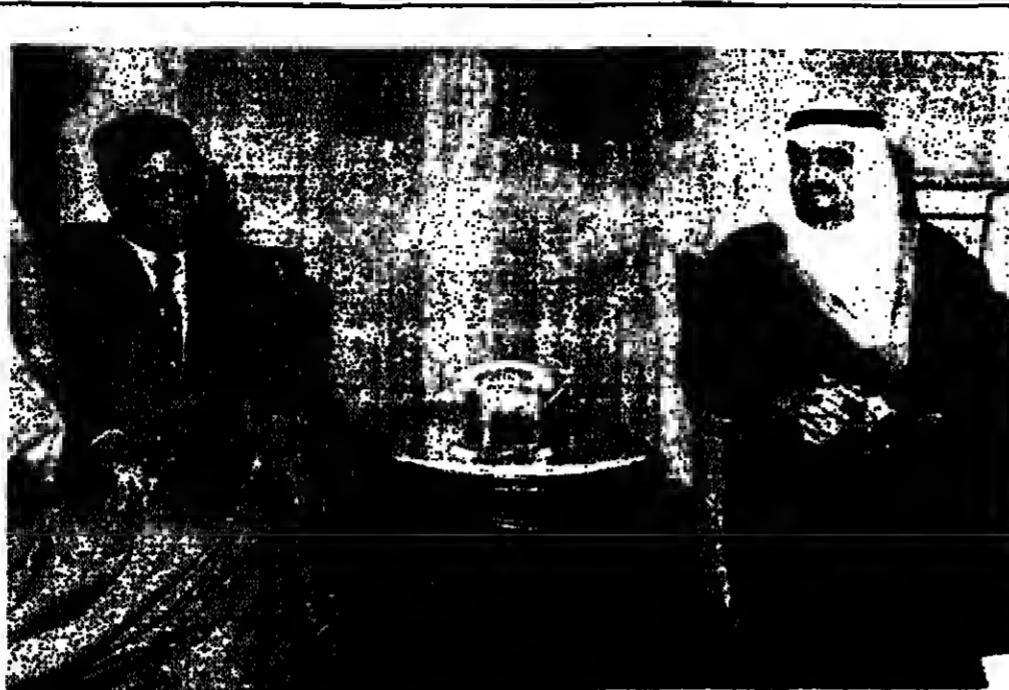
Yahiaoui seems to have lost out in backstage campaign to the nomination.

More than 600 of the delegates will be officers of the armed forces. This large military contingent, constituting 20 per cent of the Congress, apparently tipped the scales in favor of Chadi in unofficial preliminary discussions.

Yahiaoui, widely regarded as the most radical member of the Algerian leadership, seemed to lose ground progressively in the final days before the Congress.

Informed sources said he would probably retain his post as administrator of the FLN, but the new president would be the nominal head of the country's only political party.

The race apparently was still wide open for the nominations for the country's future prime minister and vice president.



BANGLADESH VISITOR: Crown Prince Fahd during his meeting Saturday with Bangladeshi Finance Minister Mirza Noor Al-Huda who delivered a message from President Zia-ur-Rehman.

Fahd meets Bangladesh envoy

JEDDAH, Jan. 27 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd received

bere Saturday the Finance Minister of Bangladesh Mirza Noor Al-Huda who delivered a message from President Zia-ur-Rehman.

The meeting was attended

by Bangladesh ambassador to the Kingdom Homayun Ra-

shid Chaudhary.

Prince Fahd arrived in Jeddah from Riyadh Friday evening to inspect the damage and on

caused by the recent rain-

storm.

He will also visit other parts of the western region

King Khalid has asked the

Crown Prince to make this tour and report to him on the extent of the damage and on

steps being taken to help vic-

tims of the storm.

No breakthrough seen

Atherton returns to Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27 (Agencies) — U.S. Mideast envoy

Alfred Atherton returned to Israel Saturday to brief Prime Minister Menachem Begin on his talks with Egyptian leaders,

but appeared likely to head back to Washington without substantial progress toward a peace treaty.

Atherton scheduled a meeting with Foreign Minister Modig Dayan at his suburban Tel Aviv home before traveling to Jerusalem to meet Begin Saturday night. An American official said the roving ambassador probably would leave for Washington Sunday or Monday.

The American troubleshooter arrived in Israel Jan. 16

hoping to resolve enough differences in the stalled treaty talks to allow for direct Israel-Egypt negotiations or a further mediation effort by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance.

Atherton returned to Israel Saturday from Cairo, where he told reporters "there is still a gap. I think it is fair to say that."

Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil agreed, but added, "the gaps are not insurmountable."

Atherton said it was premature to speak of progress or failure in his 11-day-old mission. "We are in the middle of a process of trying to solve the remaining issues, directly related to the text of the peace treaty," he said.

Egyptian officials said privately they considered Atherton's mediation mission "a failure thus far."

Another sign of the continuing deadlock, in the opinion

of the officials, was that no appointment was set for President Anwar Sadat to receive Atherton before the envoy's return to Israel.

On all previous visits to Egypt since Sadat's peace mission to Israel in November 1977, Atherton had been received by the president.

Vice President Hosni Mubarak said last week Sadat would meet Atherton if the mediator "is bringing something new" from Israel.

Cairo newspapers Saturday said Atherton had brought nothing new from his eight-day talks in Israel before arriving in Egypt.

The officials said the time-limit proposed by Egypt for a Sinai review in effect constitutes a form of link with the Palestinian question.

Nelson Rockefeller dies in his New York office

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (Agencies) — Nelson Aldrich Rockefeller, a multimillionaire who became governor of New York and Vice President of the United States but saw his dream of the presidency dashed three times, has died of a heart attack. He was 70.

Rockefeller collapsed late Friday night while working at his desk at Rockefeller Center, the midtown Manhattan business and entertainment complex, a family spokesman said.

He was stricken at about 10:15 p.m. (0315 GMT) as he worked on a book featuring his extensive modern art collection.

Security personnel and an emergency paramedical team tried in vain to revive him at his office. He was then taken to Lenox Hill Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 12:20 a.m. Saturday (0520 GMT).

Flags will fly at half-mast across the country.

Nelson Rockefeller was a millionaire with a common touch.

He could gladhand and backslap a crowd as easily as the most practised Irish politician in America and then go home and enjoy an art collection valued at over \$30 million.

To his party he was too liberal. To his opponents on the left, he was too conservative.

He declared himself a liberal but pushed through as governor of New York the toughest drug laws in the United States.

He declared himself a humanitarian but took responsibility for the massacre at New York State Attica Prison in which state troopers killed 41 demonstrating convicts in 1971.

Rockefeller was born at the seaside family estate in Bar Harbor, Maine, on July 8, 1908. He is survived by his wife, two sons, ages 15 and 12, four children by his first wife, two brothers and a sister. He was the oldest surviving son of John D. Rockefeller Jr.

Rockefeller came to political prominence in 1958 when he went against a national Democratic trend with his first gubernatorial victory.



Nelson Rockefeller

'Within 48 hours'

Bakhtiar to meet Khomeini in Paris

TEHRAN, Jan. 27 (Agencies) — Prime Minister Shabbir Bakhtiar announced Saturday night he would leave for Paris within 48 hours to meet with religious opposition leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

"As a patriotic Iranian who

considers himself a small

member of the glorious move-

ment and as a person who be-

lieves in the leadership of the

Ayatullah...

I have decided to go to Paris within 48 hours to have the pleasure of meeting him and to seek advice on the

future of the country," Bakhtiar said in a special radio ad-

dress.

The surprise announcement

to the nation came shortly after

the prime minister said in a

radio interview that "agents

and enemies" as well as "technical difficulties" at strike-

bound Mehrabad International

Airport had delayed the return

of the exiled religious leader

whose mass movement forced

the Shah to leave the country

on "vacation."

Khomeini has branded Bakhtiar's government as illegal be-

cause it was appointed by

the Shah.

In his earlier radio interview,

Bakhtiar said "the return of

the Ayatollah Khomeini is his

absolute right, but under the

present, alarming conditions

that we have here, there are

irresponsible elements in all

anks of society."

The prime minister said the

reclusive leader's return to Iran

after over 14 years in exile

"must be arranged under a

correct program."

As you know, I am very

touch eager for his arrival,"

Bakhtiar said. "But it must be

arranged with proper pro-

grams."

Bakhtiar said he was in ne-

gociation with Khomeini on a

number of subjects, including

his return. The religious leader

denounced Bakhtiar's Shah-

appointed government as illeg-

al, and a large number of

Khomeini's disciples marched

Saturday through Tehran and

other cities to demand his re-

turn.

Bakhtiar said if his talks

with Khomeini "reach a satis-

factory conclusion, I will go to

Paris to have the honor of

meeting him."

"Death to Bakhtiar if Kho-

meini is delayed," shouted mar-

chers in Tehran, where several

hundred thousand people turned

out for a march and rally

at the city's Shahyad Arch.

The marches were generally

peaceful except in Abadan and

Gorgan. Religious sources said

seven people were killed in

clashes with security forces in

Abadan, while state radio re-

ported one death and several

injuries in Gorgan.

Muslims, who organized the

mass marches, read a proclama-

tion declaring "no excuse

whatsoever for preventing his

homecoming is acceptable to

anyone."

Word of Khomeini's delay

heightened tensions and further

clashes were feared between

the religious leader's followers

and troops sworn to defend

Bakhtiar's constitutional gov-

ernment.

But Bakhtiar, a longtime

opponent of the Shah before

he accepted the prime minis-

ter post this month, insisted

Khomeini's security was the

Reviews Jizan scheme**Fernandez sees ministers**

RIYADH, Jan. 27 (SPA) — Indian Minister of Industry George Fernandez was received Saturday by the Saudi ministers of finance and national economy, agriculture and water and communications and by his Saudi counterpart Dr. Ghazi Algoosaibi.

The two industry ministers Saturday morning reviewed progress on the largest and most complex project being carried out in Saudi Arabia by Indian industry — the SR 270 million Jizan electrification scheme.

The project, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year, will supply 42 megawatts of power to the southern port town and its surrounding areas.

The scheme, one of the most demanding in the Kingdom's rural electrification pro-

gram, is being carried out by Bharat Heavy Electrical Ltd. (BHEL). The contract was awarded on a semi-governmental basis after tenders for the project from Western and Japanese companies were rejected as too high in early 1977.

The two sides also discussed reinforcement of industrial cooperation through the supply of Indian expertise and reviewed other Indian projects here.

The talks were joined, on the Saudi side, by Mahmoud Tayba, governor of General Electricity Organization, the Jizan client, Yusuf Al-Hamad, deputy minister for electricity, Ahmad Al-Tuwaijri, deputy minister for industry, Abdul Aziz Al-Zamel, deputy chairman of the Saudi Arabian Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC) and Ammar Dah-

Ministries said to settle handling of jailed aliens

JEDDAH, Jan. 27 — An internal agreement has been reached between the ministries of Interior, Justice and Foreign Affairs for handling cases of foreigners jailed in Saudi Ara-

Not only goods spoiled in storm

JEDDAH, Jan. 27 — The recent torrential rains here were responsible for more than damaged goods, sodden households and stranded cars — they caused at least one engagement to be broken off.

According to "Okaz" Saturday, a woman studying at King Abdul Aziz University here broke off the engagement, when she learned her fiance's negligence had been partly responsible for damage to a civil engineering project.

Learning in the local press last Thursday of the damage to a project her fiance was supervising, she sent back the ring with the remark that she could not marry a man who neglected his work because one day he might neglect her too.

bia, "Al-Jazirah" newspaper reported Saturday.

In an unconfirmed report, the Riyadh paper said that the Interior Ministry shall report all cases of the imprisonment of foreigners for periods exceeding one week to the Foreign Ministry. That ministry will then be responsible for settling the case with the embassy concerned, the paper said.

Except in cases where it might be against the interests of national security, the prisoner will be permitted visits from embassy officials. Embassies may not however stand as guarantor for prisoners but unconditional bank guarantees may be accepted as bond, the paper said.

In its dealings with representatives of foreign countries, the Foreign Ministry is expected to consider the treatment of Saudis in those countries and seek to follow a principle of reciprocity "provided this does not conflict with the Sharia or existing legislation", the paper said.

30-strong French trade group here

JEDDAH, Jan. 27 — Jeddah Chamber of Commerce gave a dinner Saturday for a high-powered delegation of French bankers, insurers and businessmen which arrived here Friday.

The 30-strong delegation, from the newly-founded Arab-French Chamber of Commerce is visiting the Kingdom at the invitation of the Jeddah Chamber. Monday morning the delegation will attend a meeting there on the arbitration of disputes, French officials said Saturday. The mission will also meet officials of the Commerce and Industry Ministries in Riyadh next week.

The delegation, which groups officials of such major French banks as the Banque Nationale de Paris and Crédit Lyonnais and includes a representative of the French oil company CFP Total, is led by Habib Michel Deloncle, a former Gaullist minister and president of the Arab-French chamber.

The institute was founded in early 1978 on a resolution of a meeting of the Islamic Council of Europe last July. It is designed as an independent, non-political body to assist Muslim countries in the development of defense forces.

In Jeddah, the Islamic Conference Organization (OIC)

COMMERCE: United States Secretary of Commerce Mrs. Jeannette Krebs at a meeting in Riyadh Saturday with Commerce Minister Dr. Salmam A. Salmam (third from right).

In 1978

Muslim world spent \$40 billion on defense

LONDON, Jan. 27 (SPA)

— Muslim countries last year spent almost \$40 billion on their regular defense forces, according to an independent assessment made here Friday.

Salem Azzam, chairman of the Islamic Institute for Defense Technology based here, said that defense spending by the 41 Muslim countries of the Islamic Conference would continue to rise in coming years.

In a statement Friday on the eve of the first international conference on defense in the Muslim world in February, Azzam called on countries with advanced technology to extend the maximum assistance to Islamic countries.

"A powerful and prosperous Muslim world will not only benefit Muslims but the world as a whole," Azzam said.

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announced Saturday that the will hold its 13th session Sunday.

Permanent Council of the day at the OIC Secretariat.

Islamic Solidarity Fund (ISF) General.

Unknown gives SR 1m to charity

RIYADH, Jan. 27 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Dr. Salim has received an anonymous donation of SR 1 million for Saudi charities, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Salim, secretary general of the Philanthropic Society of Riyadh, said Saturday.

Filipinos embrace faith in Qasim

QASIM, Jan. 27 (SPA) — Twelve Filipino workers in this region have converted to Islam in the court of the OIC Justice of Qasim, Muhammad Abdullah Al-Jasser, director of administrative affairs at the court, said Saturday. Filipinos said they became Muslims because it was the religion of righteousness.

New French envoy in Jeddah

JEDDAH, Jan. 27 (SPA) — The new French ambassador to the Kingdom Michel Drumetz arrived here Saturday, was met at the airport by Chief of Protocol Sheikh Saad bin Sulaiman.

Rabat's cabinet chief on visit

JEDDAH, Jan. 27 (SPA) — The Head of the Moroccan Royal Cabinet Ahmed bin Soudan arrived here Saturday to a visit to Saudi Arabia. He was met at the airport by Royal Protocol representative and the Moroccan ambassador to the Kingdom.

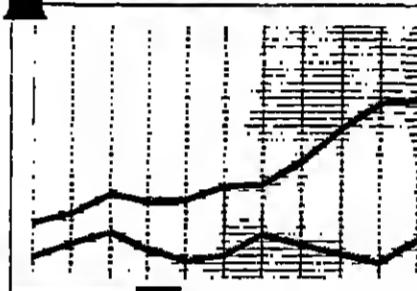
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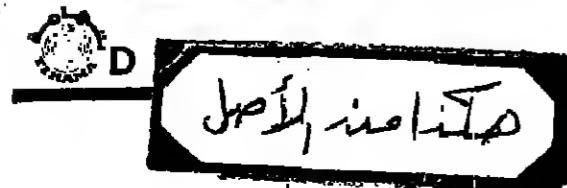
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Dayan arrives in France today for crucial talks



Moshe Dayan

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27 (R) — Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, on a two-day official visit to Paris this week, will be the first Israeli minister to visit France since the right-wing Likud government of Prime Minister Menahem Begin came to power nearly two years ago.

Accompanied by his wife, he will have a busy schedule of meetings with French leaders for talks devoted mainly to general Middle East problems.

Israeli Foreign Ministry officials say there are very few differences of opinion between Israel and France on matters of direct mutual interest, though their views on the region in general differ widely.

Dayan's visit is to return for what paid by former French Foreign Minister Louis de Guingaud to Israel in April, 1977. His trip was due to have taken place last October but

was postponed because of the Bicentennial conference in Washington between Israel, Egypt and the United States.

French Foreign Minister Jean-François Poncelet renewed the invitation recently.

Aides say Dayan's visit at the present moment has gained an added importance because of

the uncertain situation in Iran. The visit is also of importance in view of France's current presidency of the Council of Europe. Political and economic relations between Israel and the European Community will also be discussed in time, aides said.

Dayan, who is due in Paris on Sunday night, will spend a day on a private visit to France following his two days of official talks.

In an interview with French television Friday, Dayan said France lacked realism in its views on Middle East peace but it had not been disloyal to Israel.

Questioned on France's view that a Middle East settlement should be an overall arrangement, Dayan said: "I do not believe that this is a realistic attitude. The American and Egyptian concepts on this subject are more realistic."

KHARTOUM, Jan. 27 (R) — The two main guerrilla groups fighting to wrest control of the disputed Ethiopian province of Eritrea announced Saturday they were joining forces, the Sudan news agency (SUNA) reported.

The Eritrean People's Lib-

Rebel lairs in Nuristan bombed by Kabul planes

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 27 (AP) — Hundreds of houses have been destroyed as a result of heavy bombing by the Afghan air force in the Nuristan area of northeast Afghanistan, the newspaper daily "Jang" of Rawalpindi reported Saturday.

Quoting reports from Af-ghanistan, the newspaper said: "The Afghan air force jets bombed the area indiscrimi-

nately, leaving it in shambles." One mosque was reported destroyed in the raids. The village of Bazgul was set afire by the Afghan army, the report said. There was no mention of casualties.

After the raids the air force dropped handbills and posters warning the villagers to desist from anti-government activities and subversion.

The agency said the announcement of the two groups coming together was made at a meeting here chaired by Sudanese first Vice-President Abu el-Gasim Muhammad Ibrahim.

The two sides expressed their readiness for "negotiations for a just, democratic and peaceful settlement" of the Eritrean question.

The joint delegation hoped to negotiate, but it was assumed it planned to talk with the Addis Ababa government of Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam. Six months ago a massive Soviet-backed offensive by Ethiopian government forces was launched. As a result the guerrillas have lost most of the ground secured over years of fighting and have been forced into the caves and remote mountain valleys of northern Eritrea and into neighboring Sudan.

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Family misses Shah at Morocco reunion



King Hussein
Hussein confers with Ford

AMMAN, Jan. 27 (R) — Former United States President Gerald Ford and King Hussein of Jordan Friday night discussed the Middle East situation and international issues.

The official Jordan news agency said that Ford, listening to a review by King Hussein of the Jordanian position on the latest Middle East developments.

Ford, accompanied by his wife, arrived here Friday on a visit which is part of a Middle Eastern tour which has taken him to Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Israel, Syria, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

He was the guest of honor at a banquet given by King Hussein Friday night.

DACCA Jan. 27 (AP) — Railway Minister Mashru Ramzan confirmed Saturday that 76 persons died in Friday's train accident near Chandanga, about 240 kilometers north of Dacca. The minister who made a

MARRAKESH, Jan. 27 (Agencies) — The Shah of Iran's three youngest children arrived here from the United States Saturday—and the Shah did not get to the airport in time to meet them.

Instead they had their reunion on the highway between the city and the airport.

The children, accompanied by former Iranian ambassador to Washington Ardashir Zahedi, were being driven into town when their car met the one occupied by the Shah and Empress Farah, who were 15 minutes late for the arrival of the Iranian Air Force Boeing 707.

The two motorcades stopped on the highway and the Shah got out of his car briefly to greet the children before they all drove into the city.

In Ouawa Frijoay, Iranian diplomats closed their embassy and telephone callers were told in a recorded message the closure was "in solidarity with the aspirations of the People of Iran."

Ahmad Moussavi, the embassy counselor, was reported as saying, "we think that the leadership and influence of the Ayatollah (Komeini) is needed in Iran at this very moment."

In Moscow Friday, Tass responded to American criticism by saying that Soviet radio broadcasts to Iran "objectively and honestly report developments taking place in that country."

"What then does not suit the U.S. State Department?" it asked. "It is that Soviet radio broadcasts contain irrefutable facts of the unceasing

Rahman said a national law team has been ordered by President Ziaur Rahman to probe into the cause of the accident.

interference by the United States in Iran's internal affairs, facts which are reported by the world press, including some American publications, every day."

State Department spokesman Hodding Carter this week publicly criticized the Soviet Union for beaming

broadcasts to Iran and publishing commentaries in the Soviet press that are critical of the United States. He said in Washington that the administration has complained to the Soviets about this "discreetly negative" campaign.

Tass pointed out that the United States supports Radio Liberty.

"But is the principle of the freedom of the press applicable to the USA alone? No, not at all," it said.

Kaddoumi chairs meeting of PLO envoys

BEIRUT, Jan. 27 (R) — Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Political Department has presided over a meeting of PLO representatives abroad.

The Palestine news agency (Wafa) said Kaddoumi Friday gave instructions to the representatives in the light of the results of the 14th session of the Palestine National Council (PNC) — the PLO's parliament-in-exile.

The PNC, which ended its eight-day deliberations in Damascus earlier this week, approved organizational and political programs and reiterated its opposition to the Camp David Egyptian-Israeli peace accords.

The agency gave no other details about Friday's meeting which came in the wake of Thursday night's PLO Executive Committee deliberations presided over by Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Sarkis studies S. Lebanon crisis

BEIRUT, Jan. 27 (R) — President Elias Sarkis held a four-hour meeting Saturday with his top aides to discuss the situation in South Lebanon, and decided to hold an extraordinary cabinet session Monday.

Kuwait to probe bribery charge

KUWAIT, Jan. 27 (AP) — The government is sending Wagayan Al-Wogayan, a legal expert, to Washington to investigate the alleged payment of a \$300,000 bribe to a Kuwait Airways official by the Boeing Aircraft Corp. "Al-Watan" reported Saturday. This follows an agreement between Kuwait and the United States on the investigation.

Capucci 'steered clear of politics'

DAMASCUS, Jan. 27 (R) — Greek Catholic Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, who is on a visit to his homeland Syria, said in an interview published Saturday he was part of the Palestine cause but did not interfere in politics. He spent two years of a 12-year term in an Israeli prison for smuggling arms to commandos.

Israel counts 3.5 million heads

TEL AVIV, Jan. 27 (R) — Israel's total population at the end of 1977 was 3.5 million, including 570,000 Arabs living under occupation, the Bureau of Statistics reported Saturday.

Ecevit meets Qaddafi in Tripoli

BEIRUT, Jan. 27 (UPI) — Turkish Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit held talks in Tripoli Saturday with Libyan leader Moammar Qaddafi, the Libyan news agency Jana reported.

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As fighting continues sporadically

Displaced Cambodians move home

BANGKOK, Jan. 27 (UPI) — Thousands of people were on the move across Cambodia Saturday as scattered fighting continued in many parts of the country.

Refugees crossing into Thailand said Cambodians were

returning to home villages and towns which they were forced in what appeared to be the last set-piece encounter of upheaval that followed the conflict.

Khmer Rouge takeover in April 1975. Khmer Rouge gunners sheltered Vietnamese-led forces close

to the Thai border Saturday in what appeared to be the last set-piece encounter of almost continuous fighting for the past fortnight.

According to Thai military sources, the holdouts are equipped with a battery of four 105 mm howitzers and appear to be well dug in.

Intelligence sources said the level of fighting in Cambodia had dropped over the past few days, but Khmer Rouge guerrillas were continuing to harass Vietnamese supply lines.

Leaders of the pro-Hanoi Cambodian administration told a victory ceremony in Phnom Penh's olympic stadium Friday they are expecting a long-drawn out conflict against remnants of the former regime.

Vice President Pen Sovan indicated Vietnamese troops would remain in Cambodia until the guerrilla movement had been effectively crushed.

Refugees arriving in Thailand Saturday said there was now almost complete freedom of movement across Cambodia and roads were filled with people trekking long distances to their former homes.

But many villagers are staying where they are and have been supplied with pots by the new administrators to cook their own food.

They declined to estimate just how many Chinese troops



PHNOM PENH: Women Cambodian insurgent soldiers after victory in Phnom Penh. Despite a continuing guerrilla resistance by supporters of the deposed government, people across the country were reported Saturday to be moving back to their villages. (UPI photo)

Troops said gathering on border China buildup threatens Hanoi

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (UPI) — There has been a significant increase in the number of Chinese troops along Vietnam's northern border and the United States has warned Peking it considers this situation dangerous. American officials have disclosed.

The officials said the buildup has occurred over the past 10 days and has included more than the anti-aircraft troops disclosed earlier.

They declined to estimate just how many Chinese troops

are involved, but one described the increase as "significant" and said the United States, in its contacts with Peking, has "made known its feelings about the dangers in the situation."

One official said there is no indication the Chinese are preparing to invade Vietnam, and it is considered improbable Peking would launch any major military operations against Hanoi during the United States visit of Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping.

Teng arrives in Washington Sunday and will leave the country Feb. 5.

State Department officials said there has been no corresponding increase in Soviet troops on China's northern border, which some experts had expected as a counterpoint to the Chinese buildup in the south.

The United States has been closely watching the tense situation between Vietnam and China, chiefly because of concerns that a clash between the two countries could easily spread into a regional war, or into an armed confrontation.

between the Soviet Union and China.

The Chinese back the former regime in Cambodia, which appears to have been effectively destroyed by the invading Vietnamese and their Cambodian rebel allies. The Soviets support Vietnam.

Earlier, State Department officials reported a sudden increase in numbers of Chinese aircraft and anti-aircraft forces along the Vietnamese border, and both sides reported isolated clashes between military units.

Teng arrived in Washington Sunday and will leave the country Feb. 5.

State Department officials said there has been no corresponding increase in Soviet troops on China's northern border, which some experts had expected as a counterpoint to the Chinese buildup in the south.

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Chad chief plans talks with rebels on cabinet

N'DJAMENA, Chad, Jan. 27 (R) — President Felix Maloum is to meet the head of rebel forces in Chad in an attempt to check a mounting government crisis, informed sources say.

They said Maloum would meet soon with Goukouni Oueddei, whose Prokinat (Chad National Liberation Front) rebel army controls the northern half of the country.

There were coincidental reports Friday of a serious rift between the president and his prime minister, Hissene Habre — who was ousted by Oueddei as Froinat leader three years ago.

Maloum, who seized power five years ago, appointed Habre premier last August in an attempt to bring about national reconciliation.

But the alliance has been an uneasy one and the differences came into the open last Tuesday when Maloum accused Habre of obstructing the running of the country.

Maloum is said to be increasingly fearful of Habre's 1,000-strong private army and has made moves to curtail his powers.

Papadopoulos became president after he abolished the monarchy on seizing power. The other two were deputy prime ministers.

The civilian government of Premier Constantine Karamanlis had never been expected to carry out the death sentences.

Greek military leaders get automatic reprieve

ATHENS, Jan. 27 (R) — The Greek government has allowed the death sentences of three leaders of the country's former military regime to lapse into life imprisonment, the Justice Ministry said Saturday.

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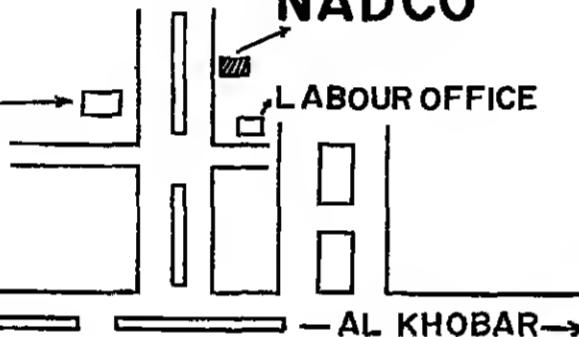
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Knoetze hearing put off; Spinks fight jeopardized

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla., Jan. 27 (AP) — A Federal judge has postponed further court sessions on South African boxer Kallie Knoetze's fight with the State Department until Feb. 12, clouding a potential bout in the United States with former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks.

District Judge Oman Roettger said he will make a ruling soon after that date on the State Department's revocation of Knoetze's visa, bas-

ed on a conviction in 1977 on a charge of obstruction of justice. Knoetze faces possible permanent exclusion from the United States.

Bob Arum, Spinks' agent, said "it may cost him a chance to fight Spinks in the United States."

Arum said negotiations have been going on for a Spinks-Knoetze fight. "Nothing is definite," but the fight could conceivably take place in South Africa if Knoetze is banned from here.



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ARAB NEUTRALITY

Only a miracle can now save Iran from plunging into the abyss of civil war. A miracle saved the day at Tehran airport when thousands of Iranians marched on it to receive Ayatollah Khomeini, the exiled religious leader, but found themselves facing the army guns and tanks. A bloody confrontation was avoided hours later as troops opened fire on demonstrators near Tehran University. One spark now appears to be enough to light up the powder keg.

The army is taking the side of moderate Prime Minister Dr. Shapour Bakhtiar against the unbending Khomeini. Dr. Bakhtiar has asked the Imam to delay his return by three weeks but the religious leader says he will return as soon as the airport is reopened. The people who marched on the airport were obviously unaware of these exchanges and the change of plans. With reports that a minor air force rebellion had taken place a few days ago the army may be less inclined to stage a coup d'état but more determined to support a moderate prime minister.

Should reason surrender to the vertigo of personal ambitions and intransigence on all sides, the Iranian earthquake would reverberate throughout the Middle East. There will be no way of containing it inside the Iranian border and neighbors will be affected directly or indirectly, whether they so desire or not. Have the Arabs prepared themselves for the possibility of prolonged upheaval in Iran?

While praying that such a day may never come, the Arabs, especially the neighbors of Iran, must work out contingency plans. Naturally, the best policy is to remain strictly neutral. This may not endear the Arabs to the various bickering groups which are in desperate need of foreign help and recognition but at least the eventual victor will not later complain that the Arabs supported his enemies.

Admittedly, this type of neutrality is only negative but the immediate Arab neighbors of Iran cannot afford to gamble for fear that they may back a loser. Other Arabs have more freedom in choosing sides in Iran. For example, it is safe for the Shah to stay in Morocco which is several thousand miles away, but it would have been extremely dangerous if he had been accepted in Kuwait or Qatar for example. In this vein, the reported contacts between Khomeini and the Palestinian resistance movement could be advantageous. Any successor of the Shah will adopt a more friendly attitude toward the Palestinian cause than the exiled emperor. In this particular case of Khomeini this support has a strong religious base which is unchangeable. It is now understood that Khomeini may stop over in Damascus on his way to Tehran and hold talks with President Hafez Assad and commando leader Yasser Arafat. The outcome of such talks must be favorable. But for the Arabs in general it is not statesmanlike to throw all with Khomeini, the Shah or any other single group. The Arabs wish the Iranians peace and prosperity and must impress on their co-religionists these unselfish feelings.

The LDCs and oil

By J.P. Smith

WASHINGTON—

The World Bank has announced that it will lend up to \$3 billion to developing countries for oil and natural gas exploration and production.

Capping more than two years of discussion, the Bank's widened energy production programs could provide loans to more than 50 less-developed countries (LDCs) over the next five years.

"This opens the doors to new development," said Elfrin Friedma, head of the World Bank's energy specialists. Friedma says that the new energy programs would help some undeveloped countries who are now importing oil and gas to become self-sufficient in energy and could help other countries become net exporters.

The expanded energy loan program will double the extent of the World Bank's energy program over the next five years.

Ernest Stern, a World Bank vice president, cautioned two weeks ago that only a small amount will go to exploration drilling, and estimated that two or three loans a year will be made for exploration projects. This provision of the World Bank program had been opposed until recently by officials in the U.S. Energy and Treasury departments, but won approval from the United States and others on the 20-member



The Ayatullah of Qom

By William Tahey

QOM, Iran — He sits cross-legged on the Persian-carpeted floor in his sparsely furnished home in this holy city — a gentle 76-year-old man with a long gray beard and lively eyes behind horned-rimmed glasses.

He spends his days receiving followers, friends and emissaries from abroad — all of whom come for his aid and counsel.

For the Ayatullah Kazem Shariatmadari is the most important religious leader inside Iran — with a following second only to that of the Ayatullah Khomeini, who was exiled in 1963 and lives near Paris.

While Khomeini has issued fiery pronouncements calling for the overthrow of the government and establishment of a conservative Islamic republic, Shariatmadari has demonstrated moderation and coolness.

Shariatmadari may represent the forces in Iran that are trying to keep the country — through compromise and constitutionalism — from tearing itself apart.

And, ultimately, some political sources believe that when Khomeini does return to Iran, his extremist views may be tempered or even overshadowed by the influence of the soft-spoken scholar of Qom.

Now that the Shah has left the country, what does Shariatmadari see ahead in Iran?

"We are still waiting for the details of the reported Islamic Revolutionary Council to be set up by the Ayatullah in Paris. We haven't heard anything about the composition, however."

"If we do have a revolutionary council, we should then

think of a way to form a government that will be a legal one — accepted not only by the people but by the army and also by other countries."

Shariatmadari did not seem to be in any great hurry to bring down the government of Prime Minister Shapour Bakhtiar, as many of the demonstrators are calling for during the current marches.

"I want a government based on laws," he said, "and that is the kind of government we should think about creating."

Thus, Shariatmadari appears to be a constitutionalist and one who believes that compromises will probably be necessary to get the widest range of political support for a new Islamic-oriented government.

Shariatmadari is the leading man of learning in this Shi'ite center of scholarship. Qom is a city of 300,000 people 120km south of Tehran.

The streets are full of thousands of turbaned, long-robed students training to become mullahs who study theology here — sometimes for 20 or 30 years. Shariatmadari operates an institute of theology here, too.

It was in Qom that Khomeini first attacked the Shah's regime and was exiled to Iraq in 1963.

A year ago, a demonstration on Khomeini's behalf here led to an attack by army troops that set off the whole series of insurrections of 1978 leading to the Shah's departure.

Friends of Shariatmadari say that there is no rivalry between him and the 78-year-old Khomeini.

Shariatmadari says he has no political ambitions. He told

a recent questioner: "You might as well ask me if I'm going to open a shop in the bazaar. Being a merchant is a job. Being a politician is a job. But it's not my job."

Asked whether he was optimistic about Iran's political future, Shariatmadari said: "I'm afraid something could happen to sink the country into more trouble and violence. I would try to stop it. I will do everything I can to stop violence."

"As to whether his methods are different from Khomeini's, he said: "We might have different tactics, but the end is the same — an Islamic republic."

Shariatmadari realizes that many officers in the army are not happy about the departure of the Shah and the prospect of an Islamic council to take over the reins of government.

"There is always the possibility of an army takeover," he said, "but we will do everything we can to avoid it."

As for the strikes that continue to plague Iran, Shariatmadari said that stoppages involving food and oil supplies should be stopped immediately. He said the religious leadership was worried about outside influences that might be disrupting oil production by urging workers to strike. He did not rule out that these workers might be influenced by small communist groups in the oil fields.

These influences are definitely the work of small, well-organized groups — not the mass of workers," he said.

As to whether Khomeini should return from exile and, if so, how soon, Shariatmadari said: "We want him to come home now." — (LAT)

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"Okaz" said it believes that the return of Khomeini to Iran (scheduled for Sunday) may herald the start of a civil war in the country. The reason advanced by the paper is that the communist party (Tudeh), which was allied with the Khomeini shi'ite movement, has refused to surrender power to him. "The communists who played a significant role in the Iranian turmoil would dearly want a share in the benefits reaped from the departure of the Shah. But there are others who may not want a communist or shi'ite monopoly of power," the paper added.

"There are groups who favor the Shah, while others do not necessarily support Khomeini and the army still adheres to the political legitimacy represented by the Shah."

The paper concluded by saying that the next stage in Iran "may mark the beginning of new strife."

"Al-Jazirah" supported the

Interior Minister's warning "to those who do not conform to the laws and regulations of the Saudi government."

The paper said that "while most people here are law-abiding and behave in an exemplary fashion, there are some who might be tempted to disrupt the peace and security of the country. These should be treated without mercy," the paper said.

"The government has never been guilty of harassing anybody who follows the rules and behaves in accordance with the laws and traditions of the country, but the authorities concerned should still strengthen their control over anyone suspected of misbehavior."

Defending the mayor of Jeddah, Muhammad Said Faris, against the barrage of criticism that followed the recent rainstorm in the city, an "Al-Jazirah" columnist said "the man deserves praise not blame."

He said that floodwater was pumped away within hours and people were able to go about normally. The reason for the disaster lies in the lack of a drainage system to take care of storm water," the writer said.

"Those who told the press recently that rainwater could soon be drained away in two hours' time as a result of adequate drainage works do not know what they are talking about. The fact is that there is no system in sight and if one is started today, that two-hour day may be several years away. The present system is inadequate even for a quarter of the city," the writer said, "and good luck for the next storm."

Welcoming Prince Fahd's visit to Jeddah to inspect the damage caused by the rainstorm "Al-Jazirah" said that the authorities in the city "have done their best to alleviate the misery of the people."

The paper added that city

Absent from the ceremony

By Robert Crabb PEKING—

When Chinese Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping sits down to dinner at the White House Monday with President Carter and former presidents Ford and Nixon, Americans will see him as the symbol of China's policy of detente with the West.

They may conclude that China is indeed Teng, because it is easy to identify a far-off country with a single leader. But, in China's case, that would be a mistake.

The question is whether China's bridges to the West endure and whether China and America get what they want from detente.

Much of the answer depends on the man who isn't coming to dinner—Chinese Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

Teng is indeed the front-man to China's rush for cooperation with the United States, Japan and Eastern Europe in its drive to modernize the backward Chinese economy by the end of this century.

But Hua is the designated successor of Mao Tse-tung as the Chairman of the 38 million-member Chinese Communist Party. It is the portraits of Mao and Hua—not Teng—that stare down from meeting rooms in Chinese villages and factories.

Hua is 59. Teng at 75 is an old man in a hurry. It is Hua's historical task to keep order in the party and try to give China a long period of what it needs most, political stability, so that modernization program can be carried out.

Hua can do this only if he lasts a long time as a strong and successful chairman. If he fails in that role, the power struggle that racked China from 1966 to 1976, and wasted a decade of the country's economic and educational life, may well break out again.

Teng has been a party big shot since the 1930s, but Hua spent most of his career climbing slowly to the top organization in Mao's native province of Hunan. He first came to the notice of the outside world in 1973, when he was named minister of security, the head of China's police.

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INDIAN REPUBLIC DAY SUPPLEMENT

In the 30 years since independence, India has developed into a major industrialised nation, with industrial goods and services now contributing more than one third of the national income as against only 5 per cent before 1947. The spectrum of industries covered ranges from small manufacturing units to highly sophisticated areas, including electronics, computers, petro-chemicals and nuclear technology. India ranks among the leading ten nations in terms of industrial production and has the third largest pool of scientists and technologists in the world.

Having established a firm base in the country, Indian engineering companies have started exporting their expertise and products and today virtually every developing country in the Middle East, and in Asia and Africa, knows Indian presence in the form of Indian companies working on projects or Indian business firms establishing joint ventures. Till the end of 1978, India had set up nearly 500 industries in 55 countries of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

The industries set up in the form of joint ventures include light engineering, textiles, consumer durables, drugs and pharmaceuticals, paper and paper products, diesel engines, stationery, garments, PVC leather cloth, electrical accessories, sugar and textile mills, electric motors, steel furniture, razor blades, aluminium, viscose staple fibre, construction materials and commercial vehicles.

In addition to these sectors in which Indian companies can and are offering technology and expertise in setting up joint ventures abroad include ceramics, chemicals, dye stuffs, food and beverage items, glass, oil and soaps, paints, plastics, rubber products, automobile and ancillaries, chemical plants and equipment, earth moving and agricultural implements, electric wires and cables, forgings and fuel injection equipment. This list is not exhaustive and an increasing number of foreign businessmen are turning to India for appropriate technology at costs which compare favourably with those obtaining elsewhere.

In the construction field, Indian engineering and management competence has now established itself in the Middle

East. Because of their proximity and strong traditional culture and commercial ties with India, countries of the Middle East were the first markets to develop. Many leading consulting engineering, contracting and industrial firms are already firmly established in these countries and have executed sophisticated projects. Among the projects which Indian companies have undertaken, or are in the process of building, are the Palace of the Sultan of Oman; 17/10 units of residential houses in Dubai; a chain of first class hotels; a plant of asbestos cement sheets in UAE; industrial training centres, factories, water supply projects, grain silos, roads, bridges and oil pipelines in Iraq; the largest housing project awarded in Ku-

wait, in addition to work at the international airport and on other major government buildings; extensive housing projects in Bahrain and the Emirates; and industrial joint ventures in Dubai and other places. However, it is not only along the Gulf that Indian engineering expertise has made an impact. Elsewhere, in North Africa, Indian companies have been awarded a series of massive contracts for undertaking work on rural electrification, power generation and distribution, military airports, townships and hospitals.

Indian companies are also gaining a global presence. Almost a decade ago, one of the leading companies in India won a contract against an international tender for the fabrication

in Iran (an Indian company is consultant to the Government of Iran for electricity generation and distribution), sugar mills in Kenya, two integrated steel plants in Nigeria, a textile mill in Libya, the development of the railway network in the Philippines and Nigeria and comprehensive knowhow for small industries in Tanzania.

Another approach to export which Indian companies are increasingly adopting is submission of joint bids with companies from the West and Japan in order to make the best use of expertise and resources available there and in India. Many Indian companies have already arrived at long-term agreements with leading Western companies for bidding on project work in third countries. At the governmental level also decisions have been taken with several countries to bid jointly on projects in third countries in sectors where the expertise of Indian construction companies and the equipment of Indian manufacturers can be married to the knowhow and designs of the industrialised nations.

IN SAUDI ARABIA: Indian companies have entered the market late but are now in the process of establishing themselves. After the award of the contract for the electrification of Wadi Jizan in late 1977, other Indian companies have won contracts for port management at Yanbo, electrical and mechanical installation and commissioning of a saline wa-

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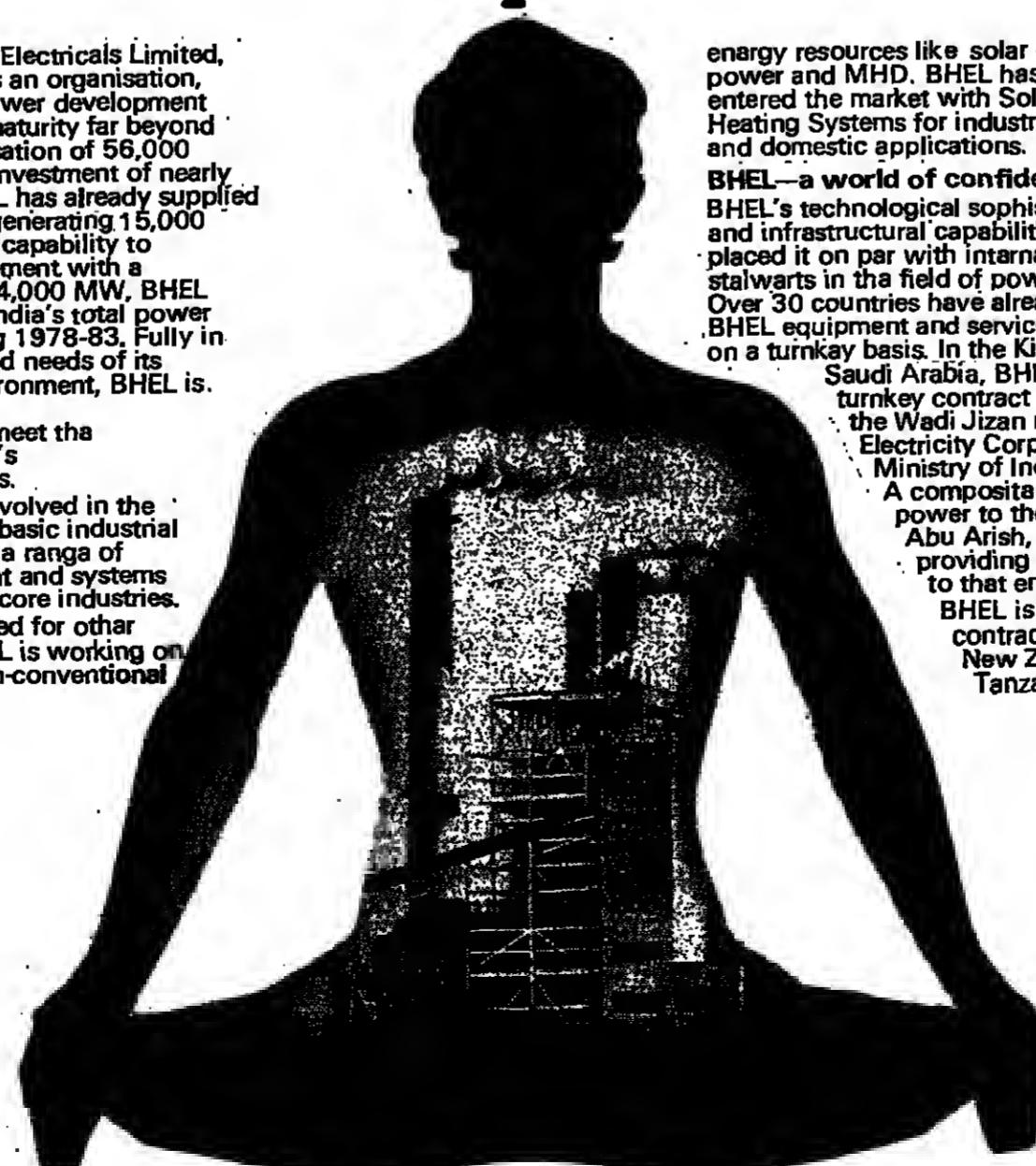
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gious contracts for pipeline inspection of corrosion and welding through radiographic testing in the Eastern Province. An increasing number of Indian companies are being put on the vendor list of ARAMCO after it is arranged by the Association of Indian Engineering Industry (AIEI), which has 1261 members in the Kingdom is increasing at a brisk pace and the industry representing 80 Indian companies are also bidding for major infrastructural projects such as road construction and railways.

ENGINEERING TRADE FAIR IN FEBRUARY

In order to project to potential clients the full range of products and services now available from India and Indian Engineering Trade Fair is now held annually in New Delhi. It

February and will cover the entire spectrum of engineering goods, most of it of interest to companies now participating in the development programmes of Saudi Arabia. A visit to this Fair will provide an opportunity to identify and develop sources of supply of a wide range of consumer and capital goods and to form associations with Indian partners for contracting and project work, of product supply and consultancy, purchase of equipment and knowhow, and to identify areas of collaboration and technology transfer. Businessmen from Saudi Arabia could find this particularly profitable as, having satisfied themselves on competence and quality, they could initiate discussions with those Indian companies with whom they want to form an association for the promotion of their products and services in Saudi Arabia. The top management of these companies will be available for discussions.

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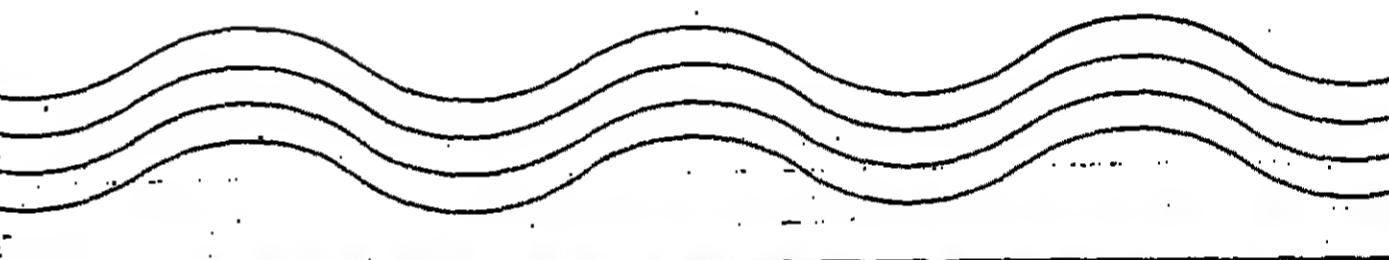
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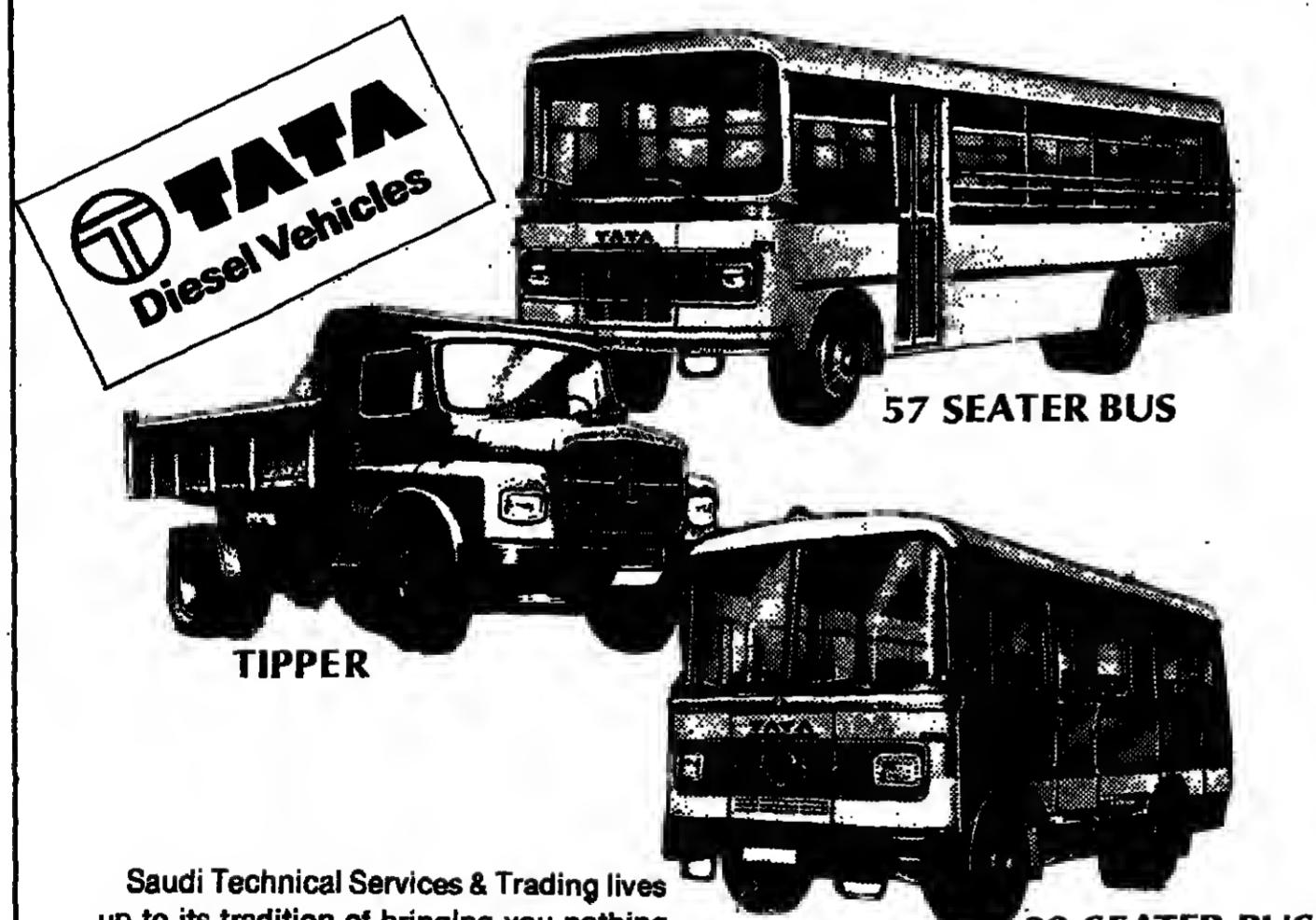
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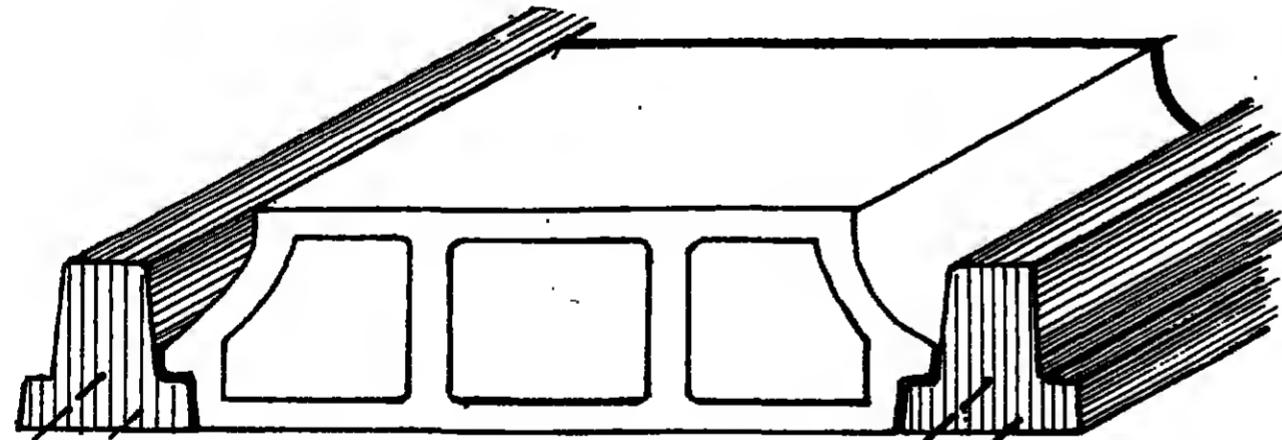
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Naguib Mahfouz and an unusual, profound tale of the souk

Midaq Alley, by Naguib Mahfouz. Three Continents Press, Washington, D.C. 1977.

By F.W. Rawding
JEDDAH—Naguib Mahfouz, the leading novelist of the Arab world. Born in Cairo in 1911, his long career as a writer began in the early 1930s after he graduated in philosophy from Cairo University. His work includes a large number of short stories and novels, some of which have been made into popular films. His most important work, "Trilogy," written over a period of several years, describes the life of an Egyptian middle class family during the period between the two world wars. It is a social document of great interest. Mahfouz's later novels are more allegorical, and show a self-conscious preoccupation with style. But his most well known and best-loved novel is *Midaq Alley*, first published in Cairo in 1947 and constantly printed ever since. While Arabs have had an im-

memorial genius for story telling, the realism of the early narrative poetry gave place, over the years, to the fantasies of the tales told in the souks. These tales eventually came to be written down, but they were considered vulgar by the purists who never permitted them to be included in the corpus of Arabic literature.

After the penetration of the Arab world by European powers in the nineteenth century, Western-educated Arabs began to be attracted by the novel and the short story. It is only in the twentieth century, however, that Arabs have been willing to attempt the writing of original fiction in these forms. Thus Naguib Mahfouz in his own lifetime spans much of the entire Arab experience of modern creative writing. His pre-eminence has been recognized by several foreign universities and in his own country, which has granted him its highest awards.

"Midaq Alley," a short novel, has been translated for this edition by Trevor Le Gassick. While Arabs have had an im-

memorial genius for story telling, the realism of the early narrative poetry gave place, over the years, to the fantasies of the tales told in the souks. These tales eventually came to be written down, but they were considered vulgar by the purists who never permitted them to be included in the corpus of Arabic literature.

It is an extremely arresting story which explores the human condition and its universal problems of happiness and goodness. Put simply like that it might be concluded that the work is merely didactic. The characters, though, are so vividly drawn and the descriptions so intense, there is so much humor and compassion, that the impact upon the reader is both unusual and profound.

Midaq Alley, in a somewhat squalid quarter of Cairo, is the stage upon which a complex cast of characters is assembled.

"Dirt, mixed with the sweat of a lifetime, has caked a thick layer of black over his body and over his gown which was also not originally black... People came to him who wanted to become beggars and with his extraordinary craft, the tools of which were piled upon the shelf, he would cripple each customer in a manner appropriate to his body. They came to him whole and left blind, rickety, hunch-backed, pigeon-breasted or with arms and legs cut off short... When his victims cried out at his torture,

his terrifying eyes gleamed with an insane light. Despite all this, beggars were the people dearest to him and he often wished that beggars formed the majority of men."

There is much that is reminiscent of Dickens and indeed, of the cinema, in the characterization of the grotesque, but even the most astonishing caricature is somehow credible.

Zaita, the cripple maker, is the most gargoyle-like of all the characters.

Escapism is a powerful element in the situation where the young resent both the inertia of tradition and the restraints of poverty. The older characters escape into religious quietism or take refuge in the fantasies of adventures. Some

characters become extraordinary extensions, in potential, of our own actual weaknesses. This is what makes us sit up when we read it.

More Americans are reading more books

By Robert Kirsch

LOS ANGELES — Americans are a nation of readers, recent studies on reading and book purchasing clearly indicate. They are becoming a nation of book readers. The Book Industry Study Group reports that more than half the population (16 and over) read at least one book in the past six months. The American Library Association-Gallup telephone poll of more than 1,500 people suggests that one of three adults reads a book a month or more, and one in four reads five or more books a month.

American women come out f both polls with reading hours. In the BISG survey conducted by the research firm of

Yankovich, Skelly and White, women are the majority of book readers and purchasers (58 per cent). Men are in the majority of nonbook readers and nonreaders. The ALA poll found women more likely to read more than 50 books a year than men are. Extremely heavy readers were more likely to be young (18 to 34) and college-educated.

The best part of these studies is that they substitute facts for speculation and myth. The BISG study is the more ambitious. Its report indicates careful methodology and a high degree of statistical reliability. The ALA-Gallup poll specializes in library-use data but its general conclusions tend to reinforce the other study.

The most gratifying results come in several categories:

—First, that book readers are active, rather than passive. They do not neglect overall leisure activities; surprisingly they watch as much TV as non-book readers. Book readers are able to fit book reading into a heavy schedule. Nonbook readers generally do not have this ability.

—Third and perhaps most important: Pleasure, defined as more than just a light pastime for most readers, connoting a deep sense of reward and satisfaction, is the key reading motivation for book readers. Nonbook readers are likely to read for knowledge only.

Nonreaders, characteristically, view reading as a difficult activity and obviously there is

some (though not as much as might be thought) reading impairment.

The BISG found that fiction and nonfiction have roughly equal appeal. The ALA-Gallup poll reported fiction more popular, with half the respondents naming a novel as their most recent reading experience. Romantic novels and historical novels scored high. Nonfiction was reported in 35 per cent of the choices. The classics scored well: Tolstoy, Dickens, Flaubert, Hawthorne. So did spiritual and inspirational books score high as books recently read. The bible was a substantial listing. Next came tales of horror, disaster and the supernatural. —(LAT)

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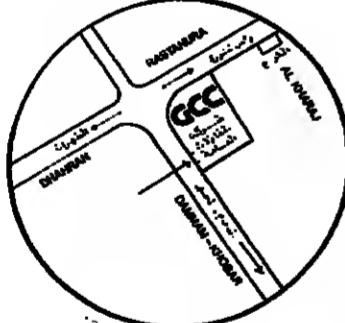
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U.S. foresees China trade reaching \$2 billion in '79

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (UPI) — U.S.-Chinese trade, which was worth less than \$400 million in 1977, may approach \$2 billion this year after the establishment of full diplomatic relations, the government suggests.

The Commerce Department said Friday the U.S. trade deficit, which hit another record high last year, could shrink by up to \$9 billion during 1979.

The department's report on the total United States trade deficit for 1978 was about \$29 billion, a record that surpassed 1977's \$26.5 billion red ink total.

The dismal trade performance over the past few years has been a major factor in the depreciation of the dollar abroad and a source of inflation at home.

On China, the report said mutual trade topped the \$1

billion mark last year, triple the 1977 level.

It said the establishment of diplomatic relations Jan. 1, coupled with the strengthening of the Chinese economy, indicates United States-China trade in 1979 "may approach \$2

billion."

The new era of American-Chinese diplomacy "has given a big push" to commercial relations as well, the report added.

It said China plans to spend up to \$85 billion to buy foreign goods by 1985. Commerce Secretary Juanita Kreps has estimated that \$10 billion of that could be spent on American products.

But top officials have noted that a wide range of economic and legal issues must still be settled with both Peking and Congress.

The report said trade with



Sen. Frank Church
Sen. Edward Kennedy

Senators urge haste in buying Mexico oil

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (R) — Two influential U.S. Senators have urged President Carter to speed up negotiations for the purchase of Mexican oil and natural gas to decrease dependence on OPEC suppliers.

The recommendation came in a statement Friday accompanying a report on the booming Mexican oil industry prepared for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the joint economic committee of the House of Representatives and Senate.

Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) said that "it is a mistake to take a hardline position at this time on Mexican natural gas. If a large supply exists...consumers have a chance of seeing gas prices rolled back in a free market."

Sen. Frank Church, (D-Idaho), chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, said that with proper planning "Oil and gas purchased from Mexico can replace OPEC crude oil."

Negotiations for U.S. purchase of Mexican oil have been bogged down over price. President Carter is expected to discuss the issue when he visits Mexico next month.

The congressional report said that although Mexico is likely to follow prices set by OPEC, it would probably not join the organization.

Interest rate limit seen on Wall Street

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (AP) — Speculation is running high on Wall Street that interest rates, after rising sharply all last year, may have reached their limit.

These hopes are pinned to a pronounced slowing in recent months in the growth rate of the nation's money supply, which some believe signals the Federal Reserve's credit-tightening campaign against inflation is beginning to get results.

If the growth of the money supply has indeed slowed as much as recent Fed statistics suggest, the logic goes, then

Prudential said eyeing N.Y.'s tallest building

NEW YORK, Jan. 27 (AP) — The Prudential Insurance Co. is talking about buying the twin 110-story towers of the World Trade Center at an estimated price of at least \$1 billion, the "New York Times" reported.

The "Times," in its Saturday editions, said talks between the insurance company and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, which owns the world's second-tallest building, began several weeks ago. No talks are under way currently.

The "Times" said the Prudential inquiry was made with Donald J. Trump, president of a company active in New York City real estate.

No representatives of the parties involved were immediately available for comment.

Any sale would require ap-

roval by the 12 Port Authority commissioners, and the

governor of New York and New Jersey.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

	SAMA rate	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.34	3.35	3.35
Pound Sterling	6.66	6.72	6.72
Duchie Mark	1.80 (100)	181.50	180.75
Swiss F	1.98 (100)	200.00	199.25
French F	0.78 (100)	79.00	79.00
Italian Lira (100)	—	4.25	4.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	109.50	109.50
Syrian Lira (100)	—	80.50	86.25
Egyptian Pound	—	4.55	4.80
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.40	11.37
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.25	87.25
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	87.25	87.25
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.72	8.72
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	9.50	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	73.75	73.80
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	—	—
South Yemeni Dinar	—	79.00	88.25
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	33.00	40.90
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Silver kg bar	—	—	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.68	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.80	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.14	—	—
Dutch guilder	1.67	—	—
Italian Lira (100)	0.40	—	—

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SAMA rates announced by the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, based on average rates on the London money market and the official price of the U.S. dollar.

But prices said stable

World's grain supply booming

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27 (AP) — With harvests almost completed, the world's grain stockpile is headed for a record of 213.7 million tons this year, up more than 28 per cent from supplies in mid-1978, the United States Agriculture Department says.

That represents the estimated amount of wheat and "coarse grains" such as corn that will be left over from the international production year that began July 1.

Despite the large buildup, analysts said grain prices have moved up with "at or above year-ago severity" because of large amounts of wheat and corn stored by American farmers under a three-year government

program to keep it off the market.

Prices have "head up wea-

ther" say, because of the con-

tinuation of large import de-

mands, especially the emergen-

ce of somewhat larger" needs

of China for American and

other foreign grain.

Last July 1 the leftover

grain totaled 166.4 million tons.

According to department re-

ports, the prospective grain re-

serve this year will exceed the

previous high of 203.2 million

tons in mid-1962.

The new estimate is also an

increase from a projected July

1 grain stock of 201.4 million

tons made by the department's

Foreign Agricultural Service

last Nov. 13.

But since then, larger grain harvest figures have been an-

nounced for a number of crops

in some major produc-

ing areas, including a record

American corn harvest, and

increases for wheat output in

the Soviet Union and Austra-

lia.

Crop forecasts since last

Nov. 13 have also been in-

creased for corn and sorghum

production in Argentina, but

prospects have declined since

then for corn output in South

Africa, the report said.

According to the new figures,

about 84.2 million tons of the

world stockpile estimated at

213.7 million tons — nearly 40

per cent — will be held in the

United States.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
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* " "	Fencing of nine graveyards in the villages of Al-Wahsha, Al-Jebour and Oweisra in Minaqab	"	700	Mar. 17
* " "	Reorganizing of a park on the proposed site for a public library under the Municipality of Alfa	"	120	Mar. 18
* Saudi Arabian Airlines	Spraying of insecticides inside the planes at the Jeddah International Airport	1/79	xx	Jan. 22
* Directorate General of Post	Intends to build some of its projects with concrete prefabricated materials. Interested local and foreign companies specialized in prefabricated buildings are requested to submit their qualifications to the Planning Department of the Directorate General.	xx	xx	Within two weeks



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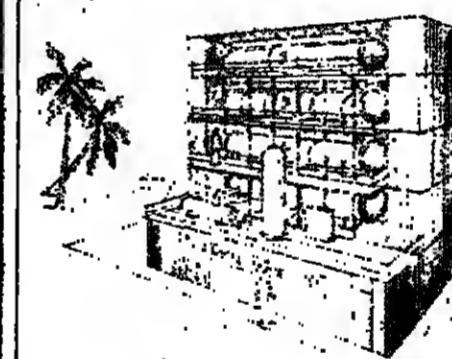
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Mayer Lin wants arrests

Peking poster crackdown urged

PEKING, Jan. 27 (R) — Peking Mayor Lin Hu-chia has called for the arrest of "bad elements" who have infiltrated the wall poster campaign, indicating that the Chinese government was considering a crackdown on the more outspoken advocates of democracy and human rights.

A recent speech by Lin circulating in the city contained a clear warning that open criticism of Chinese society, public demonstrations and underground newspapers were going beyond tolerable limits.

Chinese sources said Saturday that several such newspapers called for a demonstration next week to protest against the mayor's speech and other statements by the authorities.

The extraordinary free speech campaign has blossomed in Peking since posters calling for a variety of democratic measures and criticizing government policies started going up on the city's "Democracy Wall" in mid-November.

In his speech, apparently

made to the Municipal Revolutionary Committee (city council), Lin criticized underground newspapers, demands for more contact with foreigners and foreign embassies, and some people who "have even dared to establish so-called 'middle-road' people's revolutionary parties."

He also condemned poster attacks on the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung, and said the

Communist Party Central Committee was beginning to think that the rash of posters was disfiguring the capital.

He added, "The City Party Committee has decided that the people should discuss the question of whether these big-character posters should be stuck up all over the place."

The mayor said there were also some people who hated the Communist Party and so-

cialism, while others wrote posters because they felt that everything in socialism was not quite right.

"As for these people, we must try to make sure to stop them from continuing further down the slippery path," he said.

The mayor also criticized people who accepted invitations to dinner from foreigners.

Trapped Osaka bank murderer faces second night under siege

OSAKA, Jan. 27 (R) — The Osaka bank siege moved into a second phase Saturday night as a convicted murderer, armed with three guns and a knife, remained barricaded inside a room with four corpses and about two dozen hostages, most of them women.

The man, 30-year-old Aki-

yoshi Umekawa, who stabbed a housewife to death when he was 15 was starting his second night without sleep.

More than 700 police, including a special assault squad poised for action inside the bank building, were waiting for Umekawa either to give himself up or fall asleep so

they could capture him.

During the day Umekawa, who police say killed two bank clerks and two policemen when he attempted to rob the bank Friday, released 13 hostages, three of them injured men.

A hospital said one of them, 47-year-old bank clerk Sadao Takeuchi, had his left ear sliced off with a knife after being hit by 40 shotgun pellets.

Police, who could see into the ground-floor room through a hole in a shutter, said Umekawa continued to hold between 23 and 26 hostages, all of them employees and none of them women.

The siege began Friday when Umekawa, who served a term in juvenile prison for killing the housewife, ran into the Mitsubishi Bank and demanded \$50 million yen (\$256,000).

His 73-year-old mother, Shizuko Umekawa, was brought to the bank Saturday but he threatened to kill all the hostages if she tried to talk to him.

The only real fight was put up by the two West Australians, Graeme Wood and Bruce Yardley who put on an unbeaten 45 for the fifth wicket.

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Late News



TURNING: England's Geoff Boycott, seen here in earlier Test action, was Saturday caught behind by new wicket-keeper Wright off a turning ball.

England not much better

Australian bats shamed in Adelaide Test

ADELAIDE, Jan. 27 (Agencies) — Australia's batting was a near disaster in another failure on the first day of the fifth Test against England at Adelaide Oval Saturday.

Any delusions of grandeur Australia might have had after dismissing England for 169 were shattered by a repay of 69 for four when stumps were drawn.

The only real fight was put up by the two West Australians, Graeme Wood and Bruce Yardley who put on an unbeaten 45 for the fifth wicket.

Wood batted for 135 minutes

to score 19 while Yardley was 28 not out, after being dropped at 27.

Australia, it seemed, never recovered from the shock of open Rick Darling's being carried from the field after being hit under the heart with the fifth ball of Bob Willis' opening over.

Then it was little more than a procession with the batsmen in almost abject surrender.

Kim Hughes, Graeme Yallop, Alan Border, and Phil Carlson contributed 15 runs between them with Yallop and Carlson failing to score.

But England's batting also

left much to be desired. The innings was saved from embarrassment by a punishing India, when it was all out in their first innings for 172.

In 12 minutes' batting before the close they scored seven without loss, but with two full days to play their chances of saving the match must be slim.

W. Indies follows on
In New Delhi, the West Indies

In Mexico

Pope to open conference

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 27 (AP) — Pope John Paul II Saturday drove to Puebla, 65 miles southeast of the capital, the site of the first Latin American bishops' conference in a decade.

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McGee takes San Diego lead

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Delegates of 20,000 water

Seventy-nine persons were arrested Saturday in connection with the agitation, Parthasarathy said, raising the number of

riots in southern India enter violent sixth day

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